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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BI, XIAOLI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/625,444

FILED: JULY 22, 2003

FOR: **METHOD, CODE, AND SYSTEM FOR  
ASSAYING JOINT DEFORMITY**

CONF. NO: 7956

**Response to Notice to File Missing  
Parts of Nonprovisional Application**

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Sir:

1. In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 21, 2004 (copy enclosed), applicants submit the following:
  - ☒ A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time
  - ☒ Utility Declaration and and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
  - ☒ Replacement Drawings (15 Sheets, Figures 1-14E)
  - ☒ Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts
2. Authorization for Extensions of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)(3)

Applicants petition for an Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this Response. The Commissioner is authorized to treat this or any future reply requiring a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. Please charge all required extension of time fees in this application to Deposit Account No. 50-2586.

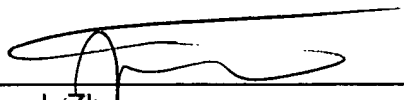
3. Fee Calculation and Payment

For:	(Col. 1) No. Filed	(Col. 2) No. Extra	Small Entity			Other Than a Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$385.00	or		\$770.00
Total Claims	-20	0	x \$ 9 =	\$	or	x \$ 18 =	\$
Independent Claims	- 3	0	x \$43 =	\$	or	x \$ 86 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$145 =	\$	or	+ \$290 =	\$
Missing Parts Surcharge				\$ 65.00			\$130.00
Extension of Time Petition				\$ 55.00			
*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.			TOTAL	\$120.00	or	TOTAL	\$

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the requisite fees.
- ☒ Please charge any deficiency or credit to Deposit Account No. 50-2586. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed.

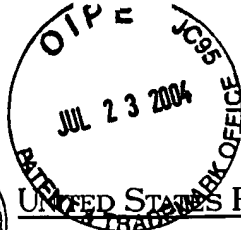
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figures(s) 8A, 14C-14E.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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